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**RESPONSE TO APRIL 8, 2006 NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT**

This is in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed April 12, 2006, in respect of the above-identified patent application.

**SPECIFICATION**

Based upon the discussions between Applicant and counsel, the two drawings labeled "4A" and "5A" are now considered unnecessary for the allowance of the invention. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that drawings "4A" and "5A" be withdrawn.

Additionally, in light of the withdrawal of drawings "4A" and "5A" no changes will be made to the Specification.

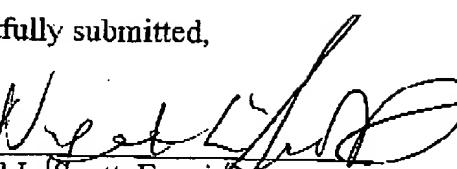
**CLAIMS**

In the notice of non-compliance, it was specifically noted that Claims 10 and 11 had not been included in the "complete listing of all claims," Applicant has listed Claims 1 through 11. However, it should be noted that claims 1-11 are not the claims to which the

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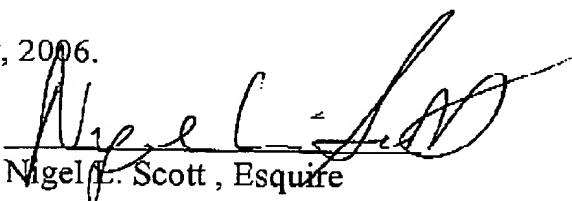
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